FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

To Tens of Thousands of Old Soldiers at the National Encampment.

#### REUNIONS EVERYWHERE

Gen. Veazev, of Vermont, Chosen Alger's Successor in Command.

A TILT OVER PENSION MATTERS

Ben Butler and Congressman Mckinley Being the Disputants,

#### HELPS TO MAKE THE EVENING LIVELY

The Grand Army encampment was formally opened yesterday. General Veazey, of Vermont, was elected Commander and Detroit was selected for the next encampment. General Alger reports that the organization is growing and prosperous. Reunions were numerous, and it was a joyous day for the veterans. A lively discussion of the pension question arose around the camp-fire in the evening.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. Boston, August 13 .- General Weelock G. Venzey, of Vermont, is the new Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. He was elected to-day by a unanimous vote. Governor Hovey, of Indiana, and Colonel Smedberg, of California, were the only ones whose names were mentioned in connection with the office, and they were withdrawn before the vote was taken. Fire Commissioner Richard A. Tobin, of Boston, was chosen Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and First Sergeant George B. Creamer, of Baltimore, is the new Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. These votes were unanimous. After electing those three officers, and selecting Detroit as the headquarters of the next encampment, the veterans ad- as to their knowledge of department and

comrades have had a royal good time together. Many of them had not seen each other for years and the stories that they had to tell of experiences on the battlefield or in camp or prison bad improved with age. Perhaps some of the yarns were stretched a little, but it was not necessary to swap lies. There was enough truth to make mighty interesting reading if it could be condensed to

The veterans stood yesterday's long march better than was anticipated, and but few were reported "under the weather" to-day. At the Emergency Hospital 26 com ceived medical treatment for exhaustion. but only nine remained in the hospital to-

#### SEEING THE SIGHTS.

Everybody in the city is talking of the big parade of yesterday. Opinion is universal that its success was almost all that could be wished. Passing on the principal thoroughfares is difficult on account of the crowds, but every one is happy in the enjoyment of the sights. The city is having a continuous holiday, which will last through the week.

A walk along Washington street reveals the financial benefit of the throng to the storekeepers. The shops are filled with purchasers anxious to take to their distant homes some reminder of their visit to the Hub. The excursion parties are radiating in all directions. The seashore resorts nearby, and the objects of interest about the city invite the attention and add to the pleasure of the visitors. The hotels and railroad stations are throbbing centers of activity. The weather is glorious and all are having a grand old time.

#### THE GOVERNORS' DINNER

The visiting Governors and their staff officers were entertained by Governor Brackett to-day at the Vendome. They were Governors Burleigh, of Maine: Dillingham, of Vermont; Bulkley, of Connecticut, and Hovey, of Indians. After luncheon had been served the party, numbering about 50, was received by Mrs. John A. Logan.

The George H. Thomas Post, of Ft. Payne Ala., now quartered at Brookline. brought with them from the South quite a menagerie, consisting of four deer, a pair of opossums, a pair of wolves, a pair of red and a pair of silver gray foxes, a large gray owl and an old army mule. The Southern visitors were late in arriving owing to an accident a Cleveland to the baggage car containing the menagerie, and on this account could only secure a position for the mule in the parade yesterday. The mule is the property of the Ft. Payne Post, and is an interesting army relic. It was wounded on the right hind leg at the battle of Chickamauga, and bears the United States stamp on its left shoulder and "I. C." on its right. The latter initials mean "inspected and condemned." The quadruped is now 82 years of age, and is highly prized by Alabama veterans. FROM THE BATTLEFIELD.

The post also brought a bundle of cane picked from Lookout Mountain, and a table made from a piece of an oak tree taken from Lookout Mountain, containing 9 minie balls, 4 grapeshot and 7 pieces of shell. The table and canes were presented to C. L. Chandler Post 145, of Brooklyn, which is entertaining the Southern visitors.

The formal opening of the encampment took place this morning at 11 o'clock at Music Hall. The great building was growded. After prayer by Past Chief Chaplain Foster, General Alger delivered his annual report, in part as follows:

COMBADES-Fortunately for us we are permitted to gather here in this historic city, justly named the "Cradle of Liberty." to celabrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the surender of the armed forces against the Government to the Union army.

FREEDOM'S ANNIVERSARY. We also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the actual freedom of all races within our borders Near here was "fired the shot heard 'round t levelation. How many patriots in later days have been inspired to perform beroic deeds by example of those patriots who first declared this land should be free, and have tried to emu-

day, will answer. To name one or a dozen of them without including all would be the same act of injustice as would the recording of the deeds of a single man, omitting others. It is sufficient for us to know that, when called, men were found for every place.

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 458, 220

 Number of posts reported June 20, 1890.
 6, 711

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 7, 175

 Number of deaths during the year
 5, 476
 dian Territory and Oklahoma.

#### A TRIBUTE TO HABTRANFT.

General Alger then proceeded to discuss the pension question and to explain the provisions of the dependant pension bill. He paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of the late General Hartrauft, of Pennsylvania, and concluded by referring to his election as Commander in Chief of the G. A. R. as the greatest honor he ever received.

General Alger's address was heartily received and after it other reports were read. Inspector General L. E. Griffith, of Troy, N. Y., reported the order growing numerically stronger and working earnestly and harmoniously in furthering the grand objects for which it was organized. No organization on earth does more to minister to the helpless and unfortunate. He regretted that not one-half the posts had been inspected, whereas

#### A THOROUGH INSPECTION

each year is necessary to secure uniformity of work and a compliance with ritual and by-laws. He had been delayed and greatly embarrassed by the negligence of department and assistant inspectors and suggested that some means be devised to secure a more thorough inspection of posts and a more prompt return from departments.

He presented a table showing that the number of posts in the Grand Army on June 30, 1890, was 6,928; number of comrades in good standing in posts inspected to June 30, 351,244; number of posts inspected, 5,010; number of posts not inspected, 1,051. Total amount expended for charity, \$282,-556; amount remaining in relief fund, \$475,-

#### SURGEON GENERAL'S ADVICE.

The report of the Surgeon General, Horace P. Porter, of Maine, recommends that inspectors be required to examine post officers journed and plunged at once into a whirl of sightseeing and goodfellowship.

MANY JOYOUS MEETINGS.

To-day has been a day of reunion and as to their knowledge of department and general matters pertaining to the organization, the care of the destitute and needy comrades. The burden of free medical attendance, free medicines and free surgical appliance should be assembled to the company of the care of the company of the care of the care of the destitute and needy comrades. sumed by the Government that these poor comrades helped to save. It is recommended that the medical officers of the late war should form State and national organizations, and should be admitted to full privileges in department encampments with the end that physical disabilities of comrades

may be intelligently discussed, and meas-ures devised for their relief. The pension law, the report says, "should harmonize with the natural history of all disability contracted while the victim is in the service of the United States and in the line of duty, and which is not the result of

#### his own victous habits."

remote from probable epidemic intection on either the Atlantic or Gulf coasts of the peninsular portion of the State of Florida, where disabled veterans may be removed from climatic influences is earnestly sug-

At the afternoon session officers were elected, the principal position going to the East in pursuance, as is claimed by some, of a plan to give the encampment to the West three successive years—Detroit in 1891, Topeka in 1892, and Chicago in 1893.

THE NEW COMMANDER. Colonel Wheelock G. Veazey, one of the Inter-State Commerce Commissioners, who was to-day elected Commander in Chief of the G. A. B., is a native of New Hampshire and has just passed his 50th year. He was graduated from Dartmouth College with honor and is one of the present Board of Trustees. He was also graduated from the Albany Law School, and, taking up his residence at Rutd, Vt., was admitted to the bar Vermont in 1860. Upon the breaking out of the war he enlisted as a private and in 1862 became colonel of the Sixteenth Vermont Regiment. He served with great distinction throughout the war, and won credit for his brilliant fighting on many fields.

Judge Veazey returned to the practice of his profession being associated in business for a while with Mr. Proctor, now Secretary of War. He was for ten years-Judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont and resigned that when appointed an inter-State commissioner. He has been active as a member of the G. A. R.

#### JUSTICE FOR THE SOLDIER. GENERAL BUTLER SAYS IT NEVER HAS BEEN ACCORDED.

Bad Bargain-Mojor McKinley Disputes the Statement, and Butler Becomes Much Excited-Their Arguments.

SEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. Boston, August 13 .- The feature of the after-dinner speaking was a lively tilt between General Butler and Congressman McKinley over the pension question. General Butler was the first to start the ball. He began by stating that the soldiers would never, in his opinion, receive what was justly due them for their services. Continuing, he said:

Boston and Massachusetts, try as well they can, and perhaps they paid their share of the debt, can never pay what the country ower us. I hear that we are banded together I am tired of hearing about the bounty of the country to us. I will excuse the country from giving the soldier a single dollar of bonnty in the shape of pensions or otherwise if they will only pay us what they owe us. They took it out of our pockets by a depreciated currency to put in the pockets of the bankers and capitalists. I have nothing to say against the banker and capitalist. They made as good a bargain as they could. That they had a right to do, and they took care to enforce that bargain. We, many of us, the private soldiers particularly, made a very bad bargain pecuniarly. They complain and say we are robbing the Treasury. Not so, not so. All we ask of this country is to pay our contract for our pay just the same, and in the same manner, and with the same interest that they paid the banker, the broker and capitalist, at home and abroad, Pay your debt. Pay your soldiers and don't go back upon them. Pay what you honestly agreed to.

Mr. McKinley was the next speaker, and giving the soldier a single dollar of bounty in

This is what he said:

soldier was excited and looked for some fun. This is what he said:

I came here, comrades, to speak a word for another class of soldiers. I have heard great praise from the gentleman who last addressed you for the regular generals of the army. He has forgotten that there was a volunteer general anywhere. He has got his mind so wrought up with West Point that he forgot Garfield. [A voice, "And he forgot Butler, too." I Oh, that I am forgotten is of no consequence. [A voice, "Hurrah fer Butler!" Another voice, "And John A. Logan." I Oh, yes, John A. Logan. Forgot him? And who is asking to forget him? Who is asking to forget those to remember the others. The volunteer soldiers before me? No. Regular army men—not enough to cover up a custard pot. How comes it that all the big victories won by the volunteers are forgotten? No, not forgotten. [A voice—"General Butler there ought, and other interruptions.] Now don't interrupt me. I know General Sherman freed the slaves because he did not have anything to do with it. He fought the battles of his country and Abraham Lincoln freed the slave before Sherman got to the sea or started for the sea, and I detract no laurel from Sherman's brow. I would not do it for my life. I don't claim anything. I only claim one thing for myself, as a general, and that is that I had no large butcher bills of soldiers left dead on the field under my command to account for [a voice—"New Orleans."] Oh, no! Nobody was hurt there, but the other side and therefore I am a small General. What have I saidf. Have I saked you to forget your contract? You made no contract to save the Union; you made a contract to do our duty. The contract I was referring to was a contract for the pay, and it was a skilful dodge on the part of the gentleman who answered me to put it in that way. He says he has been generous. I know he has. That is what I complain of. I don't want any liberality for the seidiers, but I want simple justice—that we shall be paid what is owed us. I don't want to depend upon any man's good na

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

#### An Organization Numbering 100,000 Doing Noble Deeds of Charity.

BOSTON, August 13.-The eighth annual convention of the National Woman's Relief Corps opened in Tremont Temple this morning, Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, of Philadelphia, National President, in the chair, Fully 35 States were represented. Mrs. Wittenmyer, the President, in her annual address, stated that the membership of the corps now reaches nearly 100,000; that a reserve fund of \$123,000 is on hand in the treasuries of local corps, and that the charity work of the year amounted to over \$100,000. Permanent departments have been organized in Texas, North Dakota and

he Potomac. Mrs. Wittenmyer, was in the midst of her Mrs. Wittenmyer, was in the midst of her address when Secretary Rusk, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. John A. Logan and Mrs. Livermore were announced. In the absence of Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig, Past National President, the gold badge voted her by the encampment was presented to her father, Secretary Rusk, for her. Mrs. Bagley, of Ohio, made the presentation. In his reply Secretary Rusk said that the prosperity of the G. A. R. largely depended upon the efforts of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Logan, who is a member of the National Pension Committee, of the corps,

A HOME FOR THE DISABLED.

The early establishment of a commodious gave an interesting account of the nurse's bill now pending in Congress, Mrs. Alger ing of the encampment. A resolution of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Hettie M. Norton, National Chaplain, who was taken ill on her way here.

#### GOOD WORK OF THE LADIES.

Reports Showing a Valuable Auxiliary Branch is Prosperous.

BOSTON, August 13,-The Ladies of the G. A. R. assembled in their fourth annual convention to-day, with Mrs. H. F. Wood, of Topeka, in the chair. The time was oc cupied with reading of reports of the various officers. This society differs from the Woman's Relief Corps in that its member ship is restricted to the mothers, wives and daughters of honorably discharged soldiers. About 300 ladies were present, also Rev. S. F. Smith, author of "America." The report of the treasurer showed the association to be in good financial condition, with all

bills paid and money in the treasury.

The Department of Pennsylvania re ported that a Home for soldiers' widows had een founded near Pittsburg, and already has inmates. This is the first Home estab-Kansas reported that the department had more than doubled the past year. All deartments showed an increase in membe ship, about 50 per cent in total. Circles in Kentucky did a noble work of relief in Louisville after the disaster from storm in that city last winter.

The convention adjourned to 10 A. M. to-

cers will take place.

#### THE UNION EX-PRISONERS

Belleve Their Pension Bill is Being Deinyed Until They All Die.

Boston, August 13 .- In his annual report to the Union ex-prisoners, President Williams said he believed their pension bill was being delayed because it was thought that in a few years there would be no one

left to press its passage.

Resolutions condemning the speech of Congressman John Tarsney, of Illinois, for his opposing the passage of the ex-prisoners' pension bill, were unanimously adopted. Officers were elected as follows: President, E. P. Williams, of Indianapolis; Vice President, John G. R. Adams, of Boston; Chaplain, Rev. John S. Ferguson, of Keo-kuk, Ia.; Historian, Warren Lee Goss, of Norwich, Conn., and an Executive Comnittee of one from each State represented

#### RUN ON THE SAME TIME.

Collision of Trains in Which People Are

Terribly Senided and Mangled. LEXINGTON, August 13.-A collision took place on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad at 6:30 o'clock this evening near Spring station, about 18 miles from Lexington. The accident was occasioned by the pay train endeavoring to reach Duckers from Spring station on the time of the express train.

The collision occurred in a ent. Both engines and baggage cars were demolished. passenger coaches were not derailed. The injured are: L. L. Hukill, express ressenger, Paris, Ky., badly scalded about Pay your debt. Pay your soldiers and don't go back upon them. Pay what you honestry agreed to.

Mr. McKinley was the next speaker, and he at once took up the gauntlet which General Butler had shied luto the arena. He said:

I dislike very much to disagree with the distinguished gentleman who has just preceded me, but I am forced to dissent from his statement, when he said that the Grand Army of the Republic, many of whom sat before me here to-night, had been engaged in a bad bargaan. It is not true—me more honcrable obligation was ever made: no nore worthy contract was ever entered into by human kind than that contract you made in 1861 to save your fing, and preserve his Union to mankind A voice. That's the all, and greas face, breast and arms and badly bruised:

## PITTSBURG. THURSDAY, AUGUST 14. PERHAPS A SUICIDE.

Mysterious Death of an American Doctor in Berlin Who Had

LOST \$30.000 IN A POKER GAME.

Bismarck is Living in Hope of a Political

Resurrection. THE CHOLERA DEATH RATE IN SPAIN.

effort to Secure the Release of Mrs. Maybrick, the Alleged Poisoner.

An investigation into the death of Dr. Stephenson, of Adrian, Mich., at Berlin, shows that it was caused by morphine. He lost \$30,000 at poker the night before. Great nterest is taken in England in the Hebrew persecution in Russia. The Czar has decided to decrease his military forces.

#### GERMANY.

Supposed Suicide of an American Decto Bismarck Hoping for a Polit-

(BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.) BERLIN, August 13 .- The death of Dr. Stephenson, of Adrian, Mich., who was a member of the Medical Congress at Berliu, has created a profound sensation here, not only in the American colony and in medical circles, but among the general public by reason of the peculiar circumstances which attend it. On the evening before his death he was in excellent health and spirits, and met several of his medical colleagues, with whom he played a game of poker. The next day he was tound dead in his room. The peculiar circumstances of his death and the rumor that he had lost \$30,000 in the game of poker the night before aroused the suspicion of the authorities that he had committed spicide by a dose of morphine. They took possession of the body and ordered an investigation.

A post mortem was held to-day and the official verdict was that Dr. Stephenson had died from heart failure, superinduced by morphine. It was not thought that the morphine was taken with suicidal intent. The result of the post mortem does not, however, allay the sensational rumors that

#### are in circulation. AGAINST THE SALVATIONISTS.

BERLIN.-Martha Nix is the name of an infortunate female servant here whom a too sealous attendance upon the meetings of he Salvation Army has rendered hopelessly nsane. Becoming thoroughly imbued with the story of Moses in the bulrushes, she wandered to the river and placed on the bank a child 3 months old, which had been left in her care. Then she sat at a little distance off, awaising the advent of Pha-raoh's daughter. No lady with her attendants came by on her way to the bath. A policeman, however, loitered by, and now the poor woman is confined in a straitjacket. The authorities state that but for the timely arrival of the policeman the child would have starved to death. This incident, combined with others, has greatly intensified the popular feeling against the Salvation Army, and strong efforts are being made to drive these peculiar religioulats from the German capital

MUNICH-While staying at Schoenhausen Prince Bismarck had an interview with Herr Abrayi, a member of the Hungarian Parliament. He stated that on all questions of domestic and foreign policy he had clear and well defined views, as he had had during all his career, but even when these were most opposed to those of the present Emperor he had never been guilty of intriguing against his policy. Prince Bismarck still believes that his political resurrection is not at all impossible, and that before very long he may be seen in active

#### life again. FAMINE AFTER STORMS

BERLIN-Indications are numerous that the country districts of Upper Hesse, which were recently visited by severe hail storms and thunder showers, are likely to be scourged by famine. The losses of the small peasantry by these calamities have been estimated at 1,200,000 marks, and public aid has been invoked by the authorities to meet the distress thus occasioned.

ADOPTED THE CHILDREN. HAMBURG-Letters just received from Sofia state that Prince Alexander, of Battenberg, has announced that he has adopted the children of the late Major Panitzs, who was shot a short time since for conspiring against the existing Bulgarian regime.

#### THE BRITISH ISLES.

Esgland Excited by the Hebrew Persecution in Russin-Another Protest From the Navy-Thousands of Progs Fall.

LONDON - The reports of coercive treatment of the Hebrews in Russia having seen exciting a great deal of interest throughout England, which has been shown by questions in Parliament regarding the course the Government proposed to pursue, etc., it was thought advisable to convene a public meeting at the Mansion House under the Presidency of the Lord Mayor in order to give expression to this feeling of the public. His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and many other people of distinction had promised to attend this meeting, but the Lord Mayor, having reason to believe that the edict, which it was feared would come into operation next month, will not be promulgated, has decided not to call the meeting just at present.

CATTLE TRADE CRUELTY. LONDON-The agitation started by Mr. Samuel Plimsoll into the question of the cruelty of the Atlantic cattle trade is growing greater every day. Frightful pictures are drawn of the sufferings which the unfortunate animals are compelled to undergo on the voyage between England and America. An attempt is also being made to prove that the meat of these animals is unfit for food under the present conditions of transport. A bill has already been introduced into Parliament on the subject, and Mr. Henry D. Plimsoll, a brother of the exmember of Parliament, who is known as the "sailors' friend," is now in America

A KICK IN THE NAVY. PORTSMOUTH-The crews of the belted cruisers presented a petition to the Lords of the Admiralty to-day complaining of unwarrantable cruelty toward men found guilty of insubordination. The prisoners are confined in cells situated so close to the boilers that when steam is got up the wretched men are nearly roasted to death. The commanding officers having refused to hearken to any complaints, the men have had no choice but to prefer charges of handle but to prefer charges of

collecting evidence for the crusade.

has made a profound sensation in all classes of the naval service

AN INTERESTING LIBEL SUIT. LONDON-The hearing of the libel suit which Mr. Oakey Hall is bringing against Prof. Bryce for certain statements which appeared in the first edition of the latter's celebrated book, "The American Common wealth," has been fixed to come of during the September sessions of the courts. The paragraphs in question have since been suppressed, and did not appear in the econd edition of the work.

ASKING GOVERNMENT AID. DUBLIN-The Irish Times says that the Swinford Board of Guardians have passed a resolution stating that the potato crop in that section will not yield a fourth of the

average crop of the past ten years, and re-

questing that the Government shall at once

undertake extensive public works. TO RELEASE MRS. MAYBRICK. LONDON-A movement is on foot which will be started after the end of the long legal vacation to procure, by a writ of habeas corpus, the liberation of Mrs. Maybrick, the American lady who was sentenced to imprisonment for life on a charge of mur-

dering her husband. SEVENTY DAYS OVERDUE.

LONDON-Much anxiety is felt in commercial and shipping circles with regard to the safety of the British ship Lord Raglan, which left San Francisco with a cargo of wheat, and is now 70 days overdue.

THOUSANDS OF FROGS IN RAIN. LONDON-During a heavy downpour of rain this morning at Holywell tens of thousands of small frogs came tumbling to the ground and swarmed over the roads.

#### RUSSIA

The Czar is Decreasing the Strength of His Military Forces-A Sure Indication of Peace.

ST. PETERSBURG-A remarkably important indication of the disposition of the Czar toward the maintenance of peace is furnished by a ukase which has just been issued to the effect that all the infantry and artillery recruited in 1885, 1886 and 1887 are to be transferred to the reserves after the summer maneuvers. This will, of course, make a great reduction in the effective strength of the Russian army. The measure remits a year of active service in the contingent recruited in 1886 and two years from that of 1887. Moreover, from the beginning of next year, the terms of service will be reduced from five to four years for the whole of the infantry and the foot artillery regiments.

DEMAND FOR NEW GUILLOTINES. PARIS-Six new guillotines have been rdered by the Government for Algeria, Tunis, Toubin and other French colonies. The colonists have been for some time clamoring for new machines because of the bungling which has character-ized the working of the old ones during the recent executions. Mons. Deibler, the public executioner, is now busily superintending their construction at the guillotine factory, which is situated in the Rue Folie Regnault

#### SPAIN.

THE CHOLERA DEATH RATE. MADRID-Of the 1,600 patients who have to the present time.

#### DENOUNCED THE LORDS.

Sir Harcourt Declares It a Permanent Of struction to Legislation.

LONDON, August 13 .- In a speech at Derby to-day Sir William Vernon Harcourt attacked the House of Lords as a standing obstruction to useful legislation. He said that as a deliberative assembly the House of Lords has almost ceased to exist. It had done nothing during the present session beyoud promoting a bill to preserve hares and an extension of the game laws which were already extensive enough. What great Liberal measure had not during the present century been delayed, thwarted and deought to keep in mind the fact of the antagonism between the reactionary Upper House and the Liberal House of Commons.

PRINCE FERDINAND'S RETURN. SOFIA-Premier Stambuloff, accompanies by the Bulgarian Ministers of Education and Justice, arrived at Widdin to-day to wait for Prince Ferdinand, who will arrive there to-morrow. After a reception to the civil and military authorities, the Prince will attend a Te Deum service in the Cathedral, after which he will attend a banquet given to celebrate his first entry in Widdin. Sofia will be decorated and illuminated in

honor of Prince Ferdinand's return, and the

That was the great political question of the

#### War Minister will hold a review of the BAVAGED BY STORM

VIENNA-Styria has been dreadfully ravaged by storm and flood. The losses attain the dimensions of a national calamity. The districts at the foot of the Norte Alps are devastated. The iron works there is submerged. Many persons have been

A house fell in in Pesth to-day and nine persons were injured, some of them fatally.

GERMAN EMPIRE COMPLETE. ST. PETERSBURG-Emperor William's declaration that the incorporation of Heligoland has completed the German Empire has produced an excellent impression in Russian official circles, inasmuch as it con-demns German Cahuvinism regarding the

HELD AS A HOSTAGE. MADRID - An Arab messenger has come from Morocco on behalf of the tribes around Melilla to ask the Spanish Governtained at Melilla as a hostage by the Span

#### NEWS NOTES BY THE CABLE.

iards.

Aw English syndicate has discovered an in nense coal field at Roy, Silesia. A RENEWAL of Turkish outrages is reported n Crete, The Christians are fleeing from their

was destroyed by fire yesterday. Forty per Two hundred of Cardinal Newman's letters extending over a quarter of a century relating to doctrinal matters will be published.

THE Nun moth is committing ravages among crops and trees in Northwest Germany, while the Rhine district is ravaged by the phylries have struck. Yesterday they were riotons Mr. Parnell is going to Ireland to try to settle

In accordance with the expressed desire of the late Cardinal Newman, the funeral cere mony will be very simple. Floral offerings will be excluded.

## wanton cruelty against them. This affair LIKE A LOVE FEAST

A Harmonious Conference of the Democratic State Leaders.

ALL CLAIMING WITH CONFIDENCE.

Some Even Placing Allegheny County in the Pattison Column.

LUCAS FOR JUDGE IN WEST VIRGINIA

California Republicans Nominate Colonel Markhan for Governor. The Democratic leaders gathered at Phila

delphia yesterday to arrange the details of the approaching contest. The campaign will be formally opened in Reading during the meeting of the Democratic societies. All present at the conference expressed the reatest confidence in the result of the elec-

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.] PHILADELPHIA August 13 .- The past 4 hours has been a great day for the Demo-

crats. The leading party men of the State and the State candidates met, consulted, mapped out work, attended receptions and had a general jubilee. Chairman Kerr held open house at the headquarters in South Penn Square, and an air of confidence and exhilaration pervaded the Chairman's"whole

Everybody was in a good humor, and if there were any differences of opinions they were not manifested openly. Pattison men and Wallace men and Black men and Faunce men mingled freely, and apparently spoke without reserve. There were two imortant meetings on hand, the first being the gathering of the members of the Executive and Finance Committees of the Demoeratic Society of Pennsylvania, which is composed of 547 clubs, with a membership of 60,000.

LOOKING AFTER THE DETAILS. Later in the day the Executive Commitee of the State Committee, together with he three candidates, held a lengthy caucus and looked after many of the details of the campaign. It was an early hour, 10 o'clock, which brought the society committee to-gether, but about the first to greet Secretary John D. Worman was President Chauncey

Mr. Black is as breezy and hearty of manner as the typical Westerner, and had a pleasant story for all of his triends as they arrived. It was quite evident that he is a great favorite with the Democrats. Ex-Postmaster William F. Harrity, who is the new comer in State politics, was also an early caller, and he was followed by Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, who came very lose to being the candidate for Lieutenant

Governor.

Ex-State Chairman William U. Hensel, who piloted Pattison to victory eight years ago, with his clear-cut features and amooth face does not appear to grow a day older as

#### time goes on. ECHOLS VERY CONFIDENT.

With him was John W. Echols, of Pittsburg, who says that Allegheny county can be placed for a certainty in the Democratic column this year, and John Huggard, President of the young Democratic battalion. The other members of the two committees present were Adolph Eicholz, John H. Fow and Eugene Townsend, of Philadelphia: E. H. Rauch. of Mauch Chunk; J. elphia; E. H. Rauch, of Mauch Chunk; J. Irvin Steel, of Ashland; Henry D. Greer, of Reading; George N. Reynolds, of Lan-caster; Wilson F. Shepherd, of Pottsville; E. R. Houston, of Mechanicsburg; A. V Dively, of Altoons; D. J. Boyle, of Pitts-burg, and A. H. Ladner, of Philadelphia. Ex-Governor Pattison and Captain Bar-clay, candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs, called on the committees and after an informal reception they both made short speeches. The committees then got down to business and for an hour verbal reports were heard from the different sections of the State. The Finance Committee anounced that the treasury of the society is in a healthy condition, and that nume in a healthy condition, and that numerous contributions are being daily received, including many from independents and diagruntled Republicans. After routine business had been gone through with the Executive Committee decided that the general assembly of the society of Pennsylvania shall be held at Reading on Tuesday and Wednesday Sentember 16 and 17.

Wednesday, September 16 and 17. ANY NUMBER OF VISITORS. When the society folks had adjourned there was nothing in order until the meet ng of the Executive Committee of the State Committee, but the Democrats kept coming and going. Among them were J. S. Hess, of Northampton; J. E. Lesher, of Snyder;

of Northampton; J. E. Lesner, of Shyder C. H. Akers, of New Castle; L. M. Plum-mer, of Pittsburg; Geo. Ross, of Bucks Benjamin M. Nead, of Harrisburg; J. F. Snyder, of Clearfield, who says there are no Republicans up his way; R. Jones Mon-aghan, of Westchester; J. Marshall Wright, of Allentown; City Chairman Chas. P. Donnelly, John E. Faunce, William J. Brennen, of Pittsburg; Editor William M. Singerly, Edwin A. Bigler, of Clearfield W. B. Given, of Columbia; Dr. Hyatt, o

Juniata, and ex-Auditor General Justus F. Temple, of Greene. Candidates Pattison, Black and Barclay met the committee and the session lasted ( several hours, prominent party men being called in from time to time. Among other things it was agreed to hold a big mass meeting at Reading during the visit of the Democratic Society, which will be formal opening of the campaign. The didates will all be there to speak, and that time on there will be nothing but hard

and aggressive work. THE LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE When the meeting was over Chairman Kerr stated that some time before the 20th of this month the letters of acceptance of the of this month the letters of acceptance of the candidates would be made public, and that they would very clearly define the issues of this campaign. As to the meeting he added that the ground had been carefully gone

that the ground had been carefully gone over and many details considered and passed upon.

The Chairman said that the canvass would be an aggressive one and conducted in a dignified manner. He had no predictions to make from the reports received, but was atisfied with the situation as it stands to

The Crescent Democratic Club, of West Philadelphia, this evening raised a banner and gave a reception to the party's candidates at their clubrooms. Ex-Governor Pattison was expected to be present, but at the last moment he was obliged to send his regrets at being kept away by a very press-

ing engagement.
Chauncey F. Black, the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and William H. Barelay, the nominee for Secretary of Internal Affairs, were present. Preparing to Investigate Bribery Charges

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

NEW CASTLE, August 13 .- The com

nittee appointed to investigate the New Castle bribery of Congressional delegates will hold a meeting at Butler to-morrow This meeting will be merely for organization tion and perfecting of plans and the map ping out of a line of proceedings in the in-vestigation of the charges of bribery. It is said that a number of witnesses who are likely to be summoned have absolutely re-fused to leave the county where it is alleged the bribery was committed.

#### LUCAS FOR JUDGE.

THE WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC STATE

A Bitter Attack Made on the Federal Election Bill in the Platform-The Seating of Fleming as Governor Justified. GRAFTON, W. VA., August 13 .- The State Democratic Convention which met here to-day nominated Hon. Daniel B. Lucas to fill the place on the Supreme Court bench made vacant by the death of Judge Green. Mr. Lucas' nomiration will create more than the usus

interest in the campaign State, and will somewhat complica.

The convention to-day was large monious. A platform was adonted. The convention to-day was larg mon ious. A platform was adopted ing the present Republican adminitional congress for their alleged shortcon and Congress for their alleged shortcon with the McKinley bill and Spear Council and Spe Reed's rulings, and the "arbitrary unseath of Democratic Congressmen" and declaring for reciprocity of trade with Spanish Amer-

A large portion of the platform was devo-ted to a denunciation of the Federal election bill, the resolution on this question being as

follows:

We condemn in the strongest terms the Federal election bill passed by the House and now pending in the Senate as an infquitous contrivance of partisan legislation. It is unpatriotic in principle, unconstitutional in detail and malicious in purpose. It has more malignity in its conception than any similar measure that marked the political hatred of the war and reconstruction period. It entails an expense at each election of from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 from the Federal Treasury in order to enable the President and his appointees to use well-paid, and perhaps corrupt, men and through them troops to control elections, and thus take from the people and confer upon the Republican party through its own partisan canvassing board the power to make returns of Federal elections. It is the most dangerous assault upon the principle of home rule which has emanated from any party, and will create more hostility and bad blood in the South than has existed there since the close of the Civil War, and may, if passed, make the Southern States, where it is intended to be put in operation, as helpless as Ireland and as devoid of liberty as Poland. It will disturb the peace, progress, happiness and confidence which now exist and have carried to the South for investment the vast Northern capital just beginning to respectally hurtful to the development of the vast mineral wealth and other enterprises of this State.

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A separate resolution indorses the Democontest, and commends the Democratic majority in the Legislature for seating Fleming and declaring Goff not legally

CALIFORNIA REPUBLICANS

enounce Everything Democratic, and Nominate Colonel Markham for Governor. SACRAMENTO, August 13.-The Republican Convention this morning adopted the report of the Committee on Organization making the temporary officers permanent. The platform was read and adopted.

It declares that for 30 years the Republican party has successfully conducted the business of the nation, performing deeds of statesmanship and military achievement worthy to live forever upon the brightest pages of history. It denounces the manner in which the Democratic pledge as to a free ballot in many of the States was broken, and

ballot in many of the States was broken, and insists that henceforth the right to a free ballot shall be observed so far as it is within the power of the Federal Government to effect that object. It also reaffirms the principles announced in the Republican national platform of 1888.

After the adoption of a platform the convention proceeded to nominate a candidate for Governor. Judge Fitzgerald, of Los Angeles, nominated Colonel Henry H. Markham, of Pasadens; Judge Walling, of Nacode City comments of the convents of the Nevada City, nominated Congressman William M. Morrow, of San Francisco; A. L. of San Joaquin. Frank Combs, of Napa, and E. F. Preston, of San Francisco, were placed in nomination. Markham was nom-inated by a stampede at the end of the first

## A SENATORIAL CONFERENCE.

The Nomination of a Candidate in the

Vennage-Warren District. FRANKLIN, August 13 .- The Senatorial conference of Venango and Warren counties will be held in Oil City to-morrow to nominate a candidate for State Senator. The Venaugo nominee, Hon. W. R. Crawford, will be represented by Hon. George S. Criswell, of this city; Hon. O. P. Morrow, of Rockland, and J. L. Mattox, of Oil City. It is not easy to forecast the result of the conference. Mr. Allen, the present incumbent, will insist on renomination, basing his claim on the precedent set by Venango in the case of Senator Lee, who claimed and

was conceded two terms in succession. The friends of Sheriff Crawford will urge that gentleman's fitness, and will claim moreover that he can make the best run. There is a chance for a brisk rivalry between the two candidates, but the situation loes not apparently contain the elements of a deadlock.

#### KANSAS FARMERS IN POLITICS. They Refuse to Put a Prohibition Plank !

Their Platorm. TOPERA, KAS., August 13 .- The Farmers' Alliance of the State of Kansas met in convention here to-day to nominate candidates for offices. Five hundred delegates, from all parts of the State, were present. J. F. Willetts, Chairman of the State Central Committee, called the convention to order and was made temporary chairman. Committees were appointed and a recess taken.

An attempt was made to insert a clause in the platform indorsing prohibition, but the clause was omitted. The nomination of

## son county, for Governor, and A. C. Shinn, of Franklin county, for Lieutenant Gover-TILLMAN'S FRIENDS IN CONTROL

candidates was then begun. W. F. Wright-more was nominated for Chief Justice of the

apreme Court; John F. Willetts, of Jeffer-

Of the Regular Democratic State Convention in South Carolina. COLUMBIA, S. C., August 13.-The Democratic State Convention called for the purpose of deciding whether State officers should be nominated by the convention or the primary plan, met to-day and was called to order by Colonel James A. Hoyt, Chair-

man of the State Democratic Committee.

The body is composed almost entirely of
Tillmanites, they having carried 30 of the
35 counties in the election of delegates. The Erie-Crawford Candidate PRECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. MEADVILLE, August 13 .- The Demo crats of the Erie-Crawford Congressions. district hold their conference at Cambridge

on Tuesday next, August 19. It is thought

that Hon, A. L. Tilden, the Farmers' Alli-

ance candidate, will be the nominee. Local

# not permit him to enter the race.

HARTFORD, CONN., August 13 .- At the session of the Prohibition State Convention to-day nominations were made as follows: Governor, P. M. Augur, of Middlefield;

# NEW LEASE OF LIFE

For the New York Central Strike

THREE CENTS.

## of Labor.

A FEW FIREMEN OUIT WORK.

Claimed by the Knights

But No Order Has Been Issued by the

embly Abandons the Fight and Surrenders its Charter.

#### MASTER WORKMAN POWDERLY'S VIEWS

Some life was injused into the New York Central strike yesterday by statements that the Delaware and Hudson had been tred up and all firemen ordered out. The last assertion proved incorrect, as only a few firemen quit work. One local assembly of the Knights of Labor surrendered its charter, and the members have applied for their old

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) ALBANY, August 13 .- A local flurry was occasioned here at noon to-day by the calling out of the Delaware and Hudson freight handlers, yardmen and switchmen by the Executive Board of D. A. 246. It was purely a Knights of Laboraffair, and as none of the passenger train men was involved, that part of the Delaware and Hudson service remained unimpaired.

Up to 6 P. M. only the Albany yards had been affected, though the officers of D. A. 246 declare that the strike will speedily be extended to Green Island and Troy, and if necessary to Montreal and Binghamton. The reason for the Delaware and Hudson affair is given by Treasurer Price, of D. A. 246, as follows: "Mr. Hammond promised us that the Delaware and Hudson would not interfere. He said that the Central had got itself into a box and might get out as best it could. Because of that promise we refrained from tying them up two days ago, as we easily might have done. During those two days they have been running

FREIGHT FOR THE CENTRAL down from Troy and from Albany over their road to Voorheesville, on the West Shore road. More than that, they have been loading live stock driven from West Albany to their yards at foot of Green street, and sending cattle cars out from there to Voorheesville. Yesterday and last night they were notified to quit, but they kept their men at work handling Central freight until midnight. I think they were notified thin morning again. They are now ties up and we have nearly all their men out, that is, all the men who come in contact with the Central freight or are liable to."

Late this afternoon Superintendent Ham-mond asked for a conference with the Knights, and it is expected that a settlement will be reached to-morrow, the shipment of "hurry through" from the Central yards over the Delaware and Hudson lines the new strike will have little effect on the Central Hudson, for that road has begun running freight trains from the East and West Albany yards, and has

#### started the work of clearing up the upper railroad bridge.

FREIGHT TRAINS MOVING. Several freight trains passed through the Union depot yard over the passenger tracks to-day. One train came in from De Witt and was sent on south, while two were sent west from East Albany through the West Albany yard without being in any way retarded or molested. The calling out of the Delaware and Hudson men was evidently done to encourage the faint hearted among the strikers and to give a local demonstration of the power of D. A. 246. Said one discouraged striker: "I do not see how we can win unless the locomotive engineers join us and there seems to be little to hope for in that line."

The leaders still put on a bold front and assert that the firemen will be out with them in a day or so, and that the engineers may stay if they like. A special telegram from New York says: The first open surrender on the part of the New York Central strikers took place late this afternoon when the members of local assembly 1705, K. of L., voted almost unanimously to disband, and the members placed themselves at the disposal of the

railroad officers with a prayer of reinstate-ment. This action, with the facts that the Executive Board in session at De-troit thus far ignores the strike, and that the freight blockade at Albany has been raised, comprises the news in New York Central situation, BLUE DAY FOR STRIKERS. It was a blue day for the K. of L. After whistling to keep their courage up in the face of fast accumulating evidence of defeat, some false reports of the spread of the strike were put in circulation. It was stated very positively that the members of the Brother-hood of Firemen had been ordered out by

the executive officers of the organization

Reports of the spread of the strike to other roads had no more facts to back them than that a handful of men in the Delaware and Hudson yards at Albany had left work be-cause the Central cars and freight were being handled. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon General Superintendent Voorhees received a dispatch from Super-intendent Wooster, of the Harlem division, saying that some of the strikers who were Knights of Labor were very auxious to be taken back. They were ready to resign from the Knights or even to surrender the were members in order to secure re-employ-ment. They said they would do this after giving 12 hours' notice to Master Workman

The officers of the road refused to make Local Assembly 1705 comprised all the Knights employed upon the Harlem division and the headquarters were at Dover Plains. The Knights were stronger upon this division than at any other point on the road, passenger trainmen being nearly all included in the membership.

SURRENDERED THE CHARTER, About 6 o'clock all members of the assembly notified Superintendent Wooster, at Dover Plains, that they had surrendered their charter without notice, and that they were ready for such disposition as the com-pany might see fit to make of them. They also submitted to Mr. Wooster this dispatch, which their Master Workman had sent

DOVER PLAINS, August 12. To E. Lee, Grand Union Hotel, New York: I am instructed to inform you that L. A. II

# fit the columns of any paper.